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SUBJECT: MORE LAND REPORTED EXPROPRIATED ON WEST BANK,
DEVELOPMENT IN AL BIRA AND HEBRON, KAHANE
REPORTEDLY SUGGESTS PRESSURE ON HADASSAH IN U.S.

REF: (A) JERUSALEM A-25; (B) JERUSALEM 1180

1. WUABIC PRESS REPORTS SEPT 3 THAT ISRAELIS HAVE
ENCLOSED ABOUT 1,000 DUNAMS (ABOUT 250 ACRES)
NEAR VILLAGES OF TURMUS 'AIYA AND MUGHYIR ABOUT
20 KM NORTHEAST OF RAMALLAH. OWNERS OF THE LAND
HAVE MET WITH NABLUS MAYOR BASSAM SHAKA' TO ASK HIS
HELP IN OPPOSING THE MEASURE. SEVERAL WELLS USED
FOR LIVESTOCK ARE REPORTEDLY INCULDED IN ENCLOSED
AREA WHICH IS LOCATED INVICINITY OF NAHAL KOCHAV
HASHAHAR. (REF A). A NEW ROAD IS BEING CUT THROUGH
THE AREA FROM THE RAMALLAH-JERICO ROAD TO
MA'ALE EFRAYIM. ISRAELI MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE
ON SETTLEMENTS HAS ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO
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ESTABLISH TWO NEW SETTLEMENTS IN THE AREA.

2. THE AL BIRA MUNICIPALITY HAS CALLED UPON LOCAL ORGANIZATION TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON THE LAND WHERE BUILDING HAS BEEN BANNED BY THE MILGOV. (REF B). THE CALL CAME FOLLOWING A PUBLIC MEETING SEPT 2 IN AL BIRA. THOSE ASSEMBLED ALSO APPEALED TO THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL (AWQAF) TO BUILD A MOSQUE ON THE SITE. PROTESTS WILL ALSO BE SENT TO THE UNSG AND SG OF THE ARAB LEAGUE.

3. THE JERUSALEM POST REPORTS THAT ABOUT 70 KYRIAT ARBANS RETURNED TO A HILL ABOUT 1 KM NORTH OF KYRIAT ARBA SEPT 2 IN YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO BUILD THERE. (REF B). AS OF 9 PM SEPT 2 THE IDF HAD MADE NOT ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THE SETTLEMENT ATTEMPT, THE POST REPORTED.

4. THE POST HAS TWICE REPORTED THAT THERE IS A MASTER PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF KYRIAT ARBA WHICH, BY ONE ACCOUNT, CALLS FOR A CITY OF 50,000 JEWS TO EQUAL HEBRON'S 50,000 ARABS. EMBASSY TEL AVIV INFORMS US ISRAELI HOUSING MINISTRY DENIES ANY SUCH PLAN EXISTS. ACCOUNTS OF JEWISH DEMAND FOR HOUSING IN HEBRON AREA VARY. HOUSING MINISTRY CLAIMS 750 OF SUBURB'S 1,000 APARTMENT ARE EMPTY. KYRIAT ARBANS, HOWEVER, HAVE TOLD JOURNALIST THERE IS A WAITING LIST. A"9..3,5: AS WORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR ISRAELIS IN THE AREA ARE LIMITED, WE BELIEVE FORMER ACCOUNT CLOSER TO THE TRUTH.)

5. JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE CHIEF MEIR KAHANE, WHOMVQFS BEEN INVOLVED IN RECENT ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH A JEWISH CLAIM TO A HEBRON BUILDING WHICH WAS FORMERLY A HADASSAH HOSPITAL, IS REPORTED IN THE PRESS TO HAVE "HINTED" THAT HIS FOLLOWERS IN THE U.S. WOULD INVADE HADASSAH OFFICES THERE UNLESS THE ORGANIZATION DEMANDED THE BUILDING FROM THE GOI.

6. COMMENT: THE LATEST EXPROPRIATION COMING ON TOP OF THOSE IN BEIT JALA
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WEST BANK APPREHENSIONS THAT GOI INTENDS TO PRESS
AHEAD WITH SIGNIFICANT NEW SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED
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